

By the Queene.



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As much as it can not be but dangerous to the Queenes most excellent Maestie, and her court nowe residing in the Castell of Windsor, yf any common resort should be suffered from o: to the Citie of London, o: the Suburbes of the same, where (by Gods sufferance) many places are infected with the plague: Therfore her Maestie willeth and straightly commaundeth that no maner of persons shall come from the said Citie o: Suburbes to Windsor, o: to the Towne of Eton, o: shall cause to be brought any apparel, stuffe, o: wares fro thence directly o: indirectly, mediately o: immediately: neither that any person attendant o: following her Maesties Court ordinarily o: extraordinaryly, o: dwelling o: any wise belonging to the Townes of Windsor o: Eton o: any part thereof, shall repayre by land o: by water to London o: the Suburbes of the same, o: to any parish neare London where any persons have ben knowen to have ben lately sicke of the plague, with any intent to returne agayne from thence within one moneth, other wise then is hereafter specially mentioned & provided, upon payne to be imprisoned without bayle for the same by the space of one moneth: o: (if the qualitie of the partie shall so require) to be also whipped & punished like a common bacabonde. And because it can not presently be so provided for, but that some persons shall of very necessitie have cause to come from the said Citie o: Suburbes to the Court, o: to the Townes of Windsor & Eton, & likewise some others to repayre to some partes of the said Citie o: Suburbes not being infected: it is by her Maestie thus provided, That if any shall have any such necessary cause to come from the Citie of London o: Suburbes to the Court, the same person shall not enter into any maner house in Windsor o: Eton, nor shall come within the utter gates of the Court, untill he hath first resorted to the Maio: of Windsor, o: to the principal officers in Eton, & to him o: them declared to whom he hath necessary cause to repayre in the Court. And therupon the said Maio: o: officers shall cause the partie to stay abroad without entring into any house o: company of any person, and shall certifie the lorde Steward, the lorde Chamberlaine, the wizechamberlayne, o: one of them, o: some of the principal officers of the Greencloth (if the matter appertayne to the Queenes Maesties householde) o: to some other of the lordes o: others of her Maesties privie counsell, according to the qualitie of the matter, and of the persons with whom the partie hath to do in the Court. And by a warrant in writing signed with the handes of any of the said lordes, counsellors, o: officers, certified to the sayde Maio: o: officers, the sayd person shall be permitted to enter into some house, and afterwarde shall o: may come to the Court with the sayde warrant to be first shewed to the Queenes Maesties Porters, o: otherwise without suche warrant and allowaunce the sayde person shall be commaunded to returne without any longer abyding, upon payne above mentioned. And if the cause of the comming of the sayde persons to the Towne, shall be for any matter belonging to any inhabitant of the Towne: in such case the sayde Maio: and officers shall not in like maner suffer any such person to come into any house, nor to bring any stuffe untill the name of the partie and his cause be declared by the sayde Maio: o: officers to the Constable of the Castell of Windsor, o: to his Leefetenaunt, o: to some of her Maesties privie counsell, o: to the knight Marshall, o: cheefe Porter of the Castell, and by them o: some of them allowed by warrant in writing, without which order and such allowaunce, no person shall be suffered to remayne in any of the sayde Townes, but shall returne immediately. And if any person shall have necessary cause to depart from the sayde Townes o: Court by land o: by water to London o: the Suburbes, with any minde to returne within one moneth, the same shall sue to have, and shall first obtayne speciall licence and warrant in writing for every tyme of his departure from some of the foresayde principall officers of her Maesties house, chamber, o: some of her privie counsell above mentioned: o: els if the partie belong to the sayde Townes, then from the sayd Maio: of Windsor, o: the head officers of Eton: so as also the same persons have the consent in writing of some of the officers and ministers above mentioned. And as for any Courriers, Postes, o: messengers comming from London with letters to the Queenes Maestie,

or to any of the counsell: they shall not enter into the Court without knowledge first geuen by the Porters to some of the counsell, & therupon the partie to enter, tary, or depart, as they shalbe specially commaunded, and not otherwise. And for the better execution hereof, her Maiestie willeth and requireth all the fore- sayde officers and ministers about mencioned to conferre together, and to instruct the sayd Maior of Wind- sor and officers of Eton, how and by what maner and forme of warrantes (without fraude or couen) such only as haue necessarie causes belonging to the Queenes Maiestie, her lordes, counsellers, and others at- tending on her person or on her court, may be permitted to come from London or resort thither, and no other: bing therein all circumspection conuenient and necessarie for such a cause of importaunce.

And further her Maiestie chargeth her knight Marshall and his ministers, to wayte dayly upon the pas- sages in and to these Townes of Windsor and Eton leading to and from the sayde Citie with all diligence: and whomsoever they shal suppose to be goyng or ridyng with intention to resort to London, or commyng from thence, the same to arrest and kay, and examine whether they haue such warrant, or haue obserued such orders as aboue is mentioned. And yf any person shalbe able to proue, that either the sayde Maior, principall officers in Eton, or that the knight Marshall or any of his ministers, shall neglect to do their dueties in the premises, the same being therof conuicted before her Maiesties priue Counsell, or such as they shal appoint to examine the default, shalbe committed to prison for their offence, & there remaine the space of fourtie dayes, or for redemption of some part of their imprisonment, shall pay to the insourmer such fine as shalbe set by them before whom they shalbe conuicted, besydes such further punishment as upon the greatnesse of the offence shalbe thought meete by her Maiesties priue Counsell, or the Lorde Stewarde, or Lorde Chamberlayne and the Chamberlayne to be ordered. And this order her Maiestie wyll haue obserued vntyll the same shalbe reuoked by open proclamation. For the speedy occasion wherof to be geuen by the ceasynge of the plague, Almighty God is to be with dayly prayers called vpon.

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God saue the Queene.

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